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"Inasmuch as ye shall keep the commandments of God ye shall prosper in the land: . . . inasmuch as ye will not keep the commandments of God ye shall be cut off from his presence. Now this is according to his word." BOOK OF MORMON, ALMA 36: 30.

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A LIVING PROPHET'S MESSAGE*

PRESIDENT HEBER J. GRANT

I REJOICE in having the opportunity of again meeting with the Saints in General Conference. I am delighted to see the splendid audience that is here this morning.†

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There is nothing that I am about to say that I have not said many times to the Latter-day Saints. We find in the very first revelation in the Doctrine and Covenants these words:

Search these commandments, for they are true and faithful, and the prophecies and promises which are in them shall all be fulfilled.

What I the Lord have spoken, I have spoken, and I excuse not myself; and though the heavens and the earth pass away, my word shall not pass away, but shall all be fulfilled, whether by mine own voice or by the voice of my servants, it is the same.

I wish that I possessed the power to impress upon the hearts and the minds of the Latter-day Saints the necessity of becoming familiar with the commandments contained in the Doctrine and Covenants—and not only of becoming familiar with them, but that I might have the power to impress upon their hearts and souls a determination to keep those commandments, to live them in very deed in their every-day lives.

*From the opening address of the President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, delivered at the first session of the Ninety-ninth Semi-annual Conference in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, Utah, U. S. A., October 5th, 1928.

†The financial and statistical report has been omitted for the present from the forepart of the address. It will appear in a later issue of the *Millennial Star*.

We find recorded in the Doctrine and Covenants that "There is a law, irrevocably decreed in heaven before the foundations of this world, upon which all blessings are predicated—And when we obtain any blessing from God, it is by obedience to that law upon which it is predicated."

Some very wonderful promises are made to us if we observe the Word of Wisdom. The blessings will come if we observe the Word of Wisdom, and they will not come unless we do observe it. I feel at the present time that it is very appropriate for all Latter-day Saints to have their attention called—although I have called attention to it time and time again—to this marvelous and remarkable Word of Wisdom. I shall not take the time to read but little of it:

> To be sent by greeting; not by commandment or constraint, but by revelation and the word of wisdom, showing forth the order and will of God in the temporal salvation of all Saints in the last days.

Nearly ninety per cent. of all the time of the Saints is spent in laboring for their temporal advancement, and I have announced before, and I announce again, that if the Latter-day Saints had observed the Word of Wisdom as a people, every one of them, from the day they came into these valleys, our temporal salvation would have been assured. The money expended for those things which the Lord says are not good for us, which we have been taught to leave alone—namely, tea, coffee, tobacco and liquor—if every dollar of that money had been kept in our country we would have had one of the wealthiest States in this Union, and more of the circulating medium, namely, the hard coin, so to speak, than most any State in this western part of America.

It is estimated that every single dollar circulates around like the blood in the body of a man, being the vital circulating medium. Every dollar does one hundred dollars' worth of work in a year, and when you stop to think of the hundreds and thousands of dollars, running up I am sure at the present time to nearly a million dollars a year, that go out of this State by the breaking of the Word of Wisdom, certainly if we desire our temporal salvation and if we have faith in the words of God, every word of which He says shall be fulfilled, we should keep this law. The Lord has not made this an absolute commandment, but when our Heavenly Father, the One to whom we owe our lives and all that we possess and all our allegiance, desires us to do a thing, it seems to me that we as Latter-day Saints should do that thing more willingly even than though it came as an absolute command to us.

To my mind the most remarkable promise that any man can have is contained in this revelation:

> And all saints who remember to keep and do these sayings, walking in

obedience to the commandments, shall receive health in their navel and marrow to their bones;

And shall find wisdom and great treasures of knowledge, even hidden treasures.

Health is one of the first great blessings of God to man, and second only to health is wisdom. These two great blessings are promised to every man, woman and child in the Church of Christ who obeys the Word of Wisdom—

And shall run and not be weary, and shall walk and not faint.

And I, the Lord, give unto them a promise, that the destroying angel shall pass by them, as the children of Israel, and not slay them.

And I honestly believe that but for obeying the Word of Wisdom, when I was operated upon and the doctors said that blood poisoning in the third and last stage had set in, that I had to die—if I had not been an observer of the Word of Wisdom, so that the blood in my veins was pure and could overcome the poison, I would not be standing here before you, but more than thirty years ago my time would have come to pass from this life.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

TESTIMONIES THAT CHRIST LIVES*

ELDER CHARLES H. HART

OF THE FIRST COUNCIL OF SEVENTY AND PRESIDENT OF THE CANADIAN MISSION

I REJOICE WITH YOU, my brethren and sisters, in the testimonies which we have received to-day. It was inquired of old: "If a man die, shall he live again?" That question has been answered well this morning. . . . What joy must have come into the heart of Job when he was able to exclaim: "I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God."

A questionnaire was sent out by a bereaved man a score of years ago, to philosophers and scientists, requesting them to state in brief the outstanding reasons which they had for the hope of life after death, and for the resurrection of the body. The arguments and reasons given were merely corroborative of the clear revelations from our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, as revealed through the Prophet Joseph Smith in these last days. Our Elders, of course, have strong testimonies, not only of the

*From an address delivered at the fifth session of the Ninety-eighth Annual Conference, in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, Utah, U.S.A., April 8th, 1928.

existence of the spirit after the death of the body, and of the resurrection, but also that Jesus is the Christ—that Jesus is divine. They have all the evidence that the non-Christian Jew had or has that there shall be a Christ. They have all the evidence that the Christian believer has that there has been a Saviour and Redeemer. Many of those matters have been very beautifully presented to us to-day. In addition to all that, there is the scripture that came from Cumorah's hill, the Book of Mormon, one of the very purposes of which was to testify to Jew and Gentile that Jesus was the Christ.

I realize that there is not time to refer to some passages of the Book of Mormon in support of this doctrine, or at least to read them. The story and testimony of the Christ as given upon this continent when He appeared to His people, as recorded in the eleventh chapter, Third Book of Nephi, is a wonderful testimony. I have had the feeling as I read that chapter time and time again, that no man without inspiration ever wrote that story. We have been studying the Book of Mormon in our mission home in Canada during the past year, and after nearly every lesson I could say, and I have said many times: "Isn't that beautiful! Isn't that wonderful! No man without inspiration could produce those things." And that is my testimony to you here to-day, that in addition to the testimony of the Book of Mormon we have the testimony in the revelation to the Prophet Joseph Smith, the seventy-sixth section of the Doctrine and Covenants:

> And now, after the many testimonies which have been given of him, this is the testimony, last of all, which we give of him: That he lives!
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> For we saw him, even on the right hand of God; and we heard the voice bearing record that he is the Only Begotten of the Father—
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> That by him, and through him, and of him, the worlds are and were created, and the inhabitants thereof are begotten sons and daughters unto God.

I thank God for that information, for that revelation, and for the many others along that line contained in the book of modern revelation, the Doctrine and Covenants. I thank the Lord for the testimony that is in the hearts of the missionaries. I remarked last night to our Canadian missionaries: I wonder if the people of the Church realize the very beautiful and splendid growth these missionaries have made during their sojourn in the mission field. I wonder if the bishops of wards and presidents of stakes will so order things that that growth which they have made will continue, that they will continue to grow spiritually and intellectually in a knowledge of the truth and continue in the conviction that God lives, that Jesus is the Christ, that this is His work, established, never to be thrown down nor to be given to another people. And that is my testimony to you to-day. I bear it humbly in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

A NEIGHBOURHOOD "PRIMARY CLASS"

HETTIE H. HARPER

DUDLEY PORT, TIPTON, BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT

FOUR YEARS AGO I started to hold meetings in the kitchen of our home for four children—two of them my sisters. I wished to teach them the Gospel, so that they might grow to be noble characters and beautiful in the sight of the Lord. The first teachings were taken from the *Plan of Salvation* and *The Way, The Truth and The Life.* We also started to memorize the Articles of Faith.

Soon the children became so fond of the lessons that they asked me to teach them every night. Our joy was indescribable, and the children told their friends. I soon found many others asking for permission to attend our meetings. After consideration, I permitted all to come who desired. The result was marvelous; children came in great numbers, and we felt that it was brought about through the workings of the Spirit of the Lord.

Then came the problem of making room for them. I seated some on the wooden sofa, some on the table, a few on the sewing machine, one on each side of the fender and the others on the floor. On one occasion the table gave way, but there were no injuries. And there in the flicker of the candle light we learned the Songs of Zion and the teachings of the Lord.

At times I was reminded of the old woman who lived in a shoe; I had so many children I hardly knew what to do with them. They came for the Gospel like the children went after the Pied Piper of Hamlin; there were fat ones and thin ones, tall ones and short ones—they came in droves. Some of the older people, upon hearing the word "Mormon" kept their children away; but often they would return—so eager were they for the message of truth and life.

After a time I told the missionaries about the children, for it was a great responsibility; and although I was helped by the Lord, I was otherwise alone in the undertaking. The children, mostly waifs from the streets and from disorderly homes, needed training, and at times were very rowdy and boisterous, even to damaging the house.

Then the President of the Birmingham District sent missionaries to our home to teach the children each Wednesday evening, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. We held our meetings in the sitting room by gas light, when the Elders came. To accommodate all, we removed the table and used the extra floor space. My father encouraged me by giving money for an occasional party and prizes; also for little texts, which likewise attracted more children.

I toiled on, and at times my labours seemed in vain. Still, I

continued sowing the seed in humility, hoping that someday, someone would reap a joyous harvest.

The number attending has ranged from twenty to forty in summer and from forty to seventy in winter. That is all we can squeeze in, for our home is not very large. We even have branch conferences, and on these occasions one is very lucky to find standing room.

The behaviour is now excellent. Though the children sit close together and become cramped, they remain quiet unless spoken to. They are full of energy and zeal. Sometimes, if an Elder is quoting a passage of scripture slowly, the children will join in and finish it with him. They memorize quickly and pray better than do many adults. One child opens and one closes each meeting with prayer. We have solos and recitations during the services, which make them very interesting.

During the past two years we have held two cottage meetings in our home each Sunday—one for children, the other for older people. Many of the children, however, attend both. The Spirit of the Lord is richly manifest in these gatherings and it is beautiful to see so many children with their smiling faces and large eyes upturned toward the speaker's face—in an old-fashioned room with quaint pictures and curtains. It is a picture to which no artist could do real justice.

At present we are teaching Church history and character-building stories in the kitchen meetings, while in the sitting room many other beautiful truths are taught by the Elders. Sometimes very hard subjects are given, because it is difficult for some people to teach children. After such a lesson the children pray for the stories to be more interesting so that they may understand.

Through my long experience with them, I know exactly what the little ones need, and I have won the love of many. I have almost forgotten the hard times I used to have, and I am fast receiving the fruits of my labours. The children bring me flowers and many little tokens of love. I dearly love them and would do anything to give them happiness, of which they receive little in their homes. Their leisure time is very limited, and many have to care for babies during the meetings, while their mothers are in public-houses, and elsewhere.

We know that the Lord is with us. Our branch is growing and will yet be one of the best. Recently an Elder remarked that ours is the largest group of children he has seen while on his mission. The Lord is raising up friends and is giving us constant help.

I have had the pleasure of seeing seven of these children baptized, with their parents' consent, and the joy and satisfaction I have received from my work and association with them are beyond the gifts of earth. There are now eleven members in our branch, the others being investigators.

I have proved that there is no greater service in life than that of service to children—the men and women of to-morrow. It matters not how humble the conditions and surroundings, anywhere one can find beauty, joy and lasting happiness in the Lord's work. I would rather be with those children than I'd dwell in the palace of a king.

Many have a testimony of the Gospel; they pray for the servants of the Lord to come and teach them, that they may receive their parents' permission to join the Church, and that they, too, may become missionaries.

After many lessons and reminders, although some of the children are still ragged, they come with clean hands and faces. We see now what small beginnings can grow into. It was not my intention at first to start a Primary class. I merely desired to bring my sisters up as my dear mother would have liked to bring them up, had she been permitted to live. But through my weak efforts and the help of the Lord, a large Primary organization has sprung up and is flourishing. We trust in God and feel that this work will continue to grow.

THE GOSPEL UNIVERSAL

Elder Merrill Sandberg
PRESIDENT OF THE LEEDS DISTRICT

And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people.—Revelation 14:6.

One hundred and one years ago on the 22nd of September, the Angel Moroni delivered to Joseph Smith records containing the everlasting Gospel as taught to the ancient inhabitants of the American Continent during a period of many centuries, which period terminated about the fourth century A. D. These records, from which comes what is known as the Book of Mormon, have been translated into many different languages.

Recently, as I traveled through six different European countries, on several occasions I had the privilege of attending meetings, and, with the help of an interpreter, of bearing testimony to the people concerning the Gospel.

I find that the same fine spirit exists in the Church the world over, and although I could not converse with the members, I could see that the Gospel was functioning in their lives, and that they had the same testimony to bear concerning its truths as I. It is the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and the power of God unto salvation unto all who are baptized and endure to the end. During this journey I realized more fully than ever the significance of that wonderful prophecy in Revelations.

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EDITORIAL

ZION PROSPERS

THE NINETY-NINTH SEMI-ANNUAL GENERAL CONFERENCE of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was held in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, Utah, U.S.A., Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October 5th-7th, 1928.

The days of conference were times of spiritual refreshment to the throngs who attended and to the multitudes who "listened in" on the radio. Through the kind cooperation of President James E. Talmage we are able to begin, in this number of the *Star*, the publication of the opening conference address by President Heber J. Grant. We hope that perfected radio instruments may soon enable the Saints in Europe to hear the inspired conference addresses of the leaders of the Church.

According to President Grant's report, there are now in the Church 101 organized stakes, 940 wards, and 27 missions, in different parts of the world. There has been a notable increase in the construction of public buildings, for worship or amusement, in the stakes, wards and missions. Every activity of the Church has been vitalized by the spirit of advancement which characterizes the Church. President Grant and his associates have traveled far and wide in their ministry among the people. The happiness and prosperity of the members of the Church have been fostered.

Latter-day Saints may well rejoice in the progress of the Church. Steadily, resistlessly, truth its only tool and defense, it moves onward. Members of the Church who live their religion find unalloyed happiness in the teachings and practices of the Church. The latter-day work remains "a marvelous work and a wonder."—W.

KARL G. MAESER—A BIOGRAPHY

"EVERYONE'S LIFE is an object lesson to others" said Dr. Karl G. Maeser. His own life, as told by his son, Reinhard Maeser, is a stirring appeal to live fully and well. Dr. Maeser was the first person baptized into the Church in Saxony; he forsook high position and worldly honour to gather with the Saints; though highly educated, he willingly shared in the privations of his pioneer people; he filled missions; he taught school; he became the organizer and first President of the Brigham Young Uni-

versity and later Superintendent of Latter-day Saint Church Schools; and when the Lord took him home in ripened years, all Israel mourned. He showed the truth of his own saying: "There is a Mount Sinai for every child of God if he knows how to climb it."

Dr. Maeser was a builder of human character. "Make the man within you your living ideal." "Say to thy soul: No unclean thing shall enter here." With such ideals he led youth into noble manhood. His influence will penetrate generations to come.

The Brigham Young University has published Dr. Maeser's biography on the centennial anniversary of his birth. President F. S. Harris has written an eloquent introduction. This fascinating book promotes faith and stimulates the reader to resolve to do and be his best.—W.

BIRMINGHAM CONFERENCE

MANY NON-MEMBERS of the Church favourably recognize the Latter-day Saint missionaries of the Birmingham District. One Birmingham gentleman recently commented as follows: "I would rather discuss religion with the missionaries of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints than with ministers of any other belief, because they do not ridicule other men's beliefs, and they are sincere in their work. They are living contradictions to the slanderous stories told about them."

This attitude on the part of many investigators was shown forth at the Autumn Conference of the Birmingham District held in the Handsworth Chapel on Sunday, October 14th, 1928. Invitation to attend the conference was extended throughout the Birmingham territory by extensive advertising. As a result an exceptionally large number of members and inquirers attended the three public gatherings.

In attendance officially were Mission President John A. Widtsoe, Sister Leah D. Widtsoe and Elders Ralph V. Chisholm and Richard L. Evans from the Liverpool office; Elder Merrill Sandberg, President of the Leeds District; Elder Robert Dell Buchanan from the London District; Elder John P. Hopkinson from the Nottingham District; and District President Heber J. Matkin and Elders R. LeRoy Fletcher, Thomas E. Paskins, Arthur T. Coleman, Kenneth H. Smith, Earl D. Hone, Louis W. Sanders, Herbert W. Carter, Henry J. Bates, LeRay Swainston, Blain I. Jones and John W. Adams, all of the Birmingham District.

In the morning meeting a class recitation was conducted by President Widtsoe. The song practice was conducted by Sister Widtsoe. The regular Sunday School was carried out. A union meeting for the Priesthood and for branch officers and teachers followed the first session.

At the afternoon meeting President Matkin read the District report of the past half-year's activity, which showed that the District is in good condition and growing. An increase of twenty per cent. in tithes and offerings was reported. The Mission President dwelt upon the human body as the tabernacle of an immortal spirit—a child of God. He told how the powers of men are lessened by ignoring the laws of health as they are contained in the Word of Wisdom and elsewhere. Sister Widtsoe enumerated evils that cause the light of the Gospel to depart from the lives of men and women—among them gossip, quarreling, anger, bickerings, strife and petty jealousies.

In the final meeting the Mission President spoke on the fundamental principles of "Mormonism," which, he averred, is all truth and the use of that truth for the welfare of humanity.

Missionaries and local officers were called upon to speak briefly during the several meetings. Musical numbers, including a childrens' chorus, a male quartet and vocal solos, were outstanding features of the conference. Favorable reports were published by the *Birmingham Gazette* and the *Birmingham Daily Post*.

R. LeRoy Fletcher, District Clerk

IN WALES WITHOUT "PURSE OR SCRIP"

[Note: President Nathaniel E. Parry and Elder Clifton G. M. Kerr of the Welsh District are the missionaries who undertook the trip described below. This interesting communication was submitted by them. The mode of travel—without "purse or scrip"—is neither recommended by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints nor generally used by its missionaries here in this land. But, as Elders Parry and Kerr observe, it is good to know that it can be done in this day and under present conditions.—Editor *M. S.*]

> Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses,
> Nor scrip for your journey.—Matthew 10: 9, 10.

Such was the command of the Master to His Apostles as He sent them forth to declare: "The kingdom of heaven is at hand." The Gospel can be preached in this dispensation under the same conditions.

On September 10th we started traveling without "purse or scrip" on a five-day trip into farming districts in Pembroke and Cardigan Counties. As a result we can testify that the Lord provides His servants with the necessities of life in this day, just as He has in the past.

Not only were the necessary food and lodging supplied, but contributions in money were made by many who desired to help along what they chose to call a "good work." Every day had its

faith-promoting incidents that stand among the richest of missionary experiences. "I thank God for sending two messengers to my door who are traveling as the Apostles of old traveled", were the words of one gentleman after he had freely shared his cupboard with us, and accompanied us some distance on our journey. After being supplied with supper, lodging and breakfast the following comforting words came from another: "I did not know that such an abiding faith existed in the religious world to-day as is exemplified in the sacrifice and conditions under which you missionaries strive to carry the Gospel." Many more similar incidents might be cited, together with the many prayers and wishes of success that people were wont to give us.

Many advantages to the Gospel cause and to the missionary can be derived from preaching without "purse or scrip"—among them, the close contact it is necessary to make with the people, as a result of which impressions are left with them that could have been left no other way. To the missionary comes the absolute necessity of humility, by which the public can best judge sincerity. With the entire experience comes a firmer conviction that a power higher than man's is actuating this latter-day work, a feeling of thankfulness to God for being engaged in His service, and a knowledge that the Lord will provide.

BOOK OF MORMON STUDIES*

THE WORDS of Amulek are outstanding among the teachings contained in Alma, chapters 32 to 35 inclusive, which are to be read and pondered for this lesson. Amulek relinquished wealth, friends and worldly position for the cause of truth. To the Zoramites, who had departed from paths of righteousness, he exclaimed: "For behold, this life is the time for men to prepare to meet God."

Did the Book of Mormon contain no other message to the children of men, this one divine precept would justify its claim to greatness. As to the Zoramites, so to Latter-day Saints and all mankind, this soul-penetrating reminder may go out as a spur to greater righteousness, increased diligence and the fuller use of life's opportunities: "This life is the time for men to prepare to meet God."

QUESTIONS

1. Alma teaches humility. Discuss the distinction he makes between those who are compelled to be humble and those who are humble voluntarily.

2. Compare faith and knowledge according to Alma's explanation. Which must come first? How must it be nourished and cultivated?

*Lesson 21 of the Relief Society Course of Study—for use on the first lesson night in November.

3. True worship is not confined to sanctuaries. What were Alma's views on this subject?

4. Recount the testimony of Amulek concerning the coming of the Christ. What evidences did he cite to prove his testimony?

5. Mercy and justice are ofttimes thought to be incompatible. Amulek shows that they are really co-workers. How?

6. What is the condition here and hereafter of men who delay repentance?

7. Those who believed on the words of Alma and Amulek were cast out from the Zoramites. Do the wicked always prevail? Do they ever prevail permanently?

FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Swedish Mission Arrivals: The following missionaries have arrived to labour in the Swedish Mission since June 1st, 1928: Elder Wentworth R. Carlson, Minneapolis, Minnesota, arrived in Stockholm, by way of Oslo, June 28th.

Elder Otto A. Spjut, Salt Lake City, Utah, arrived in Göteborg, Sweden, July 14th.

Elder Wilford E. Hokanson, Grover, Wyoming, arrived in Göteborg, Sweden, September 26th.

Relief Society Conferences: Sunday, September 30th, the Relief Society of the Belfast Branch, Ulster District, held a conference. A well-planned program was rendered.

An excellent program was given under the direction of the Relief Society at the Autumn Conference in the Gainsboro Branch, Hull District, Sunday, October 7th.

A conference of the Norwich Branch Relief Society, of the Norwich District, was held Sunday, September 30th. Several of the Relief Society sisters of the Lowestoft Branch were in attendance.

On Sunday, September 9th, Relief Society Conferences were held in the Nottingham, Leicester, Hucknall and Derby Branches of the Nottingham District. The Relief Society sisters presented an excellent program in each instance.

The Oldham Branch Relief Society, of the Manchester District, held their annual conference on Sunday, October 14th. Much enthusiasm in the work was manifested.

Arrivals and Assignments: The following missionaries arrived at Liverpool on October 12th aboard the *Duchess of Bedford*; they have been thus assigned:

For the British Mission: John Waldo Adams, Cedar City, Utah, to the Birmingham District; Clarence Vance Bigler, Collinston, Utah, to the Liverpool District; Ralph Olpin, Pleasant Grove, Utah, to the Newcastle District; Lowell Redd Rich, Brigham

City, Utah, to the Leeds District; James Alvin Ritchie, Ucon, Idaho, to the Scottish District.

For the Netherlands Mission: Gerrit J. Van Alfen, Ogden, Utah; Kenneth Riley Judd, Nephi, Utah; Don Milas Wakefield, Grouse Creek, Utah; John Westra, Salt Lake City, Utah.

The following missionaries arrived in Southampton on October 12th aboard the *Leviathan*; they have been thus assigned:

For the German-Austrian Mission: Leland F. Allen, Logan, Utah; Willis H. Hayward, Logan, Utah; Sterling J. Richards, Brigham City, Utah; Kersey Clyde Riter, Logan, Utah; Wallace F. Toronto, Salt Lake City, Utah.

For the Swiss-German Mission: Ellis Owen Brown, Salt Lake City, Utah; Joseph F. Hacking, Vernal, Utah; Robert Paul Krey, Ogden, Utah; Harold A. Naisbitt, Salt Lake City, Utah; John Quinney, Logan, Utah; Mac Maycock Wade, Ogden, Utah.

Branch Conferences: Of the Batley Branch, Leeds District, on Sunday, October 7th. In attendance were President Merrill Sandberg, and Elders James O. Hawkins and Alden J. Kirkham. The first session was conducted in regular Sunday School order.

Of the Cardiff Branch, Welsh District, on Sunday, October 7th. The theme "Divine Authority" was treated by President Nathaniel E. Parry and Elders D. M. Davis and Clifton G. M. Kerr. Readings and musical numbers were furnished by local members.

Of the Derby Branch, Nottingham District, on Sunday, October 7th. The morning program dealt with: "The Articles of Faith." Addresses were given by District President Rulon W. Stevenson, Elders John P. Hopkinson, Joseph F. Parrish, H. Wendell Jacob, and several of the local members. Favourable accounts of the conference were published in the *Derby Daily Telegraph* and the *Derby Daily Express*.

Of the Handsworth Branch, Birmingham District, on October 7th, in the Handsworth Chapel, in conjunction with the Harvest Festival. The speakers of the evening meeting were President Heber J. Matkin, Thomas E. Paskins, Kenneth H. Smith, R. LeRoy Fletcher and local Brother John M. Joseph. The products received for the festival will be distributed among the needy.

Of the Holloway Branch, London District, was held on Sunday, September 30th. The Jaredite record in the Book of Mormon was treated by Sunday School children. Elder June E. Bartlett was released as President of the Branch and Brother Alfred J. Willmott was chosen to succeed him. District President Clinton L. Mills, Elders Robert Dell Buchanan, Elmer D. White and June E. Bartlett spoke.

Of the Hucknall Branch, Nottingham District, on September 30th. The morning service was featured by addresses given by

Sunday School members. District President Rulon W. Stevenson, Elder John P. Hopkinson, Branch President Samuel Pears, and several of the local members spoke during the day. The *Hucknall Dispatch* gave space to the proceedings.

Of the Liverpool Branch, Liverpool District, at Durham House, on Sunday, October 7th. District President L'Etrenne Andelin was in attendance with members of the headquarters staff and Traveling Elders.

Of the Norwich Branch, Norwich District, on September 23rd. The services were in the nature of a Harvest Thanksgiving. The speakers were President William Fred Forsey, Elders H. Grant Vest, Adrian L. Orme and George W. Linford.

Of the North London Branch, London District, on Sunday, September 23rd. The theme of the conference "The Temptations of Jesus" was freely discussed. President Clinton L. Mills and Elders Robert Dell Buchanan, J. Willard Harmon and John L. Clark were in attendance.

Of the Sunderland Branch, Newcastle District, on September 23rd. District President Charles E. Alsop and Elders Seth T. Shaw and Alton Linford, with Branch President William Oates, were in attendance. Sunday School work as an essential factor in the building of character was enlarged upon by class leaders and other speakers.

Of the Wolverhampton Branch, Birmingham District, on Sunday, September 30th. The conference theme "Obedience" was given in an interesting manner. The speakers at the evening session included President Heber J. Matkin and Elders Kenneth H. Smith, R. LeRoy Fletcher and local Elder John B. Ward.

Doings in the Districts: *Birmingham*—At a baptismal service held at Handsworth on Saturday, October 13th, five persons were baptized by Elders Hilliard L. Rose and Henry J. Bates and confirmed by District President Heber J. Matkin, Elders R. LeRoy Fletcher, Earl D. Hone, Herbert W. Carter and Thomas E. Paskins.

Mission President John A. Widtsoe met with the missionaries of the Birmingham District on October 15th, following the District Conference.

Bristol—At a baptismal service held at Bristol on October 13th, one person was baptized in the river Avon, by Elder Frank S. Cragun and confirmed by District President Alma C. Tranter.

Leeds—On September 24th Sister Leah D. Widtsoe, President of European Mission Relief Societies, delivered a health lecture to the members and friends of the Halifax Branch. The lecture was under the auspices of the Branch Relief Society, presided over by Sister Lucy A. Walker. Live interest in the subject was evident, and many expressed their appreciation for helpful information imparted on this occasion.

Liverpool—Under the direction of Branch President John E. Owens and Superintendent Robert Wilkenson the Burnley Branch Sunday School enjoyed an outing to Delmar Gardens, Hoggate, near Burnley, on Saturday, September 29th. Outdoor recreation occupied the day.

A meeting of the Liverpool District missionaries convened at Blackburn on September 26th under the direction of Mission President John A. Widtsoe.

A successful M. I. A. social was held on October 6th in the Nelson Branch. Keen interest was evinced by both members and friends.

The Nelson Branch M. I. A. Conference was held Sunday evening, October 7th. A well arranged program was presented.

London—The West London Branch entertained with a musical program in their hall on Saturday, September 22nd. Many of the members visited Kew Gardens in the afternoon prior to attending the evening program.

The Mutual Improvement Association of the Orpington Branch held a special Open Night program on Tuesday, October 2nd, in the home of Brother Alexander H. Wallace. This is the last meeting to be held prior to the emigration of the members to America. Special mention was made of the good work accomplished in the organization and of its achievements in the M. I. A. contest work.

Manchester—At a baptismal service held in the Manchester Chapel on October 5th, one person was baptized by Elder Alma R. Wakeling and confirmed by President J. Rulon Doxey.

Two persons were baptized by President J. Rulon Doxey and both were confirmed by local Elder Thomas Beverley at a baptismal service held in the Manchester Chapel on October 9th.

"Harvest Festivals" were held in the Manchester and Hyde Branches Sunday, October 14th. Splendid displays of fruit and vegetables characteristic of the occasion were later sold to procure funds for the auxiliary organizations.

Norwich—A harvest festival service was held in the Lowestoft Branch on Sunday, September 23rd. Displays of grain, fruit and vegetables graced the meeting room. On the following evening the products were sold, the proceeds being given to the Relief Society. A similar procedure was followed in the Norwich Branch on the same evening.

The day following the Norwich District Autumn Conference, the missionaries, in company with President Widtsoe, traveled to District headquarters at Lowestoft, where they convened in regular monthly meeting.

Nottingham—"Harvest Festival" socials were held in the Eastwood and Derby Branches on September 29th and October 3rd, respectively. Each occasion was marked by a large attendance.

A special Harvest Thanksgiving service was held in the Hucknall Branch on Sunday, October 7th. On the following day a Harvest social was conducted by the Relief Society sisters.

Scottish—At a baptismal service held September 19th, one person was baptized by Elder Kelvin A. Baldwin and confirmed by Elder Golden W. Stewart.

Thursday, October 12th, witnessed the conclusion of another campaign enterprise by the missionaries of the Scottish District. The "braw" Scots of Alloa and surrounding villages received the Gospel message from the lips of God's authorized servants. At the initial hall meeting on the 12th, approximately one hundred newly-acquired friends attended.

Friday morning, prior to returning to branch work, a missionary meeting was held. Each Elder's heart was filled with thanksgiving and the feeling that "work is the father of success."

Ulster—A Sunday School Conference was held in the Belfast Branch on September 23rd. An excellent program was rendered which stressed the accomplishments of the Sunday School through the observance of the Sabbath Day.

At a baptismal service held at Helens Bay, Saturday, October 6th, one person was baptized by district President Rulon D. Barnes, and confirmed the following day by Elder Lovell A. Youngberg.

Welsh—The missionaries of the Welsh District met in monthly report meeting at Cardiff, October 6th. Experiences of faith-building character were cited and testimonies were borne.

DEATHS

STRATHMORE—Sister Elizabeth Strathmore, of the Gateshead Branch, Newcastle District, passed away September 20th, at the age of fifty-eight. Funeral services were conducted at her home on September 22nd, by Branch President Christopher Bushby. District President Charles E. Alsop was the speaker, and Elder Charles J. Parkinson dedicated the grave. Interment was in the Saltwell Cemetery, Gateshead.

WALLIS—Brother Jonathan Wallis, of the Woodhouse Branch, Sheffield District, died September 17th, at the age of seventy-nine. Brother Wallis has been a member of the Church since 1923.

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